

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7, 10-12, and 14 are pending. Claims 2, 4-6, 8-9, and 13 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the requirements of canceled original claims 2 and 4. Claims 7 and 12 have been amended into independent form. The other remaining claims have been amended to correct various formal matters without significantly changing their substance. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 1 of the previous Office Action, the drawings were objected to as using reference characters 91, 93, 94 and 95 to all refer to a pivot point. This has been corrected by amending the specification to refer to element 91 as a "limit arm linkage pivot point" as described in the original application at page 4, line 31; to refer to element 93 as a "lifting arm support pivot point" as described in the original application at page 4, lines 30-31; to refer to element 94 as a "rest linkage pivot point" as described in the original application at page 4, lines 29-30; and to refer to element 95 as a "rest support pivot point" as described in the original application at page 4, lines 23-24. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 2 of the previous Office Action, the drawings were also objected as failing to show various features of the claims. A new substitute Fig. 1 is submitted with this application showing the base pivot angle θ and support pivot angle ζ . The support pivot axis was already shown as element 45 and the surface contacting module was already shown as element 60. Claims referring to other elements missing from the drawings have been canceled.

With respect to paragraph 3 of the previous Office Action, the objection to the Specification referenced at page 4, line 23 has been corrected by amendment to paragraph [0016]. Similarly, the objection to the Specification referenced at page 5, lines 9, 12 and 19, and

page 6, lines 7 and 10 has been corrected by amending Fig. 1 to show the rest pivot angle with the symbol ϕ rather than as θ .

Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, and 13 have been canceled, so their rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 need not be addressed further. Claim 7 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to refer to a rest pivot angle.

The previous Office Action indicated that the subject matter of claim 4 was allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the requirements originally present in canceled original claims 2 and 4. The prior art does not teach or suggest such an arrangement. Claims 3, 10, 11 and 14 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reasons.

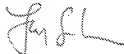
The previous Office Action also indicated that the subject matter of claim 7 was allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the requirements originally present in original claims 1 and 2. The prior art does not teach or suggest such an arrangement.

The previous Office Action also indicated that the subject matter of claim 12 was allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the requirements originally present in original claims 1 and 2. The prior art does not teach or suggest such an arrangement.

It is submitted that all the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully

requested. It is believed that a two month extension of time is required for this matter. Applicant hereby petitions for same and requests that any extension or other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4972. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,



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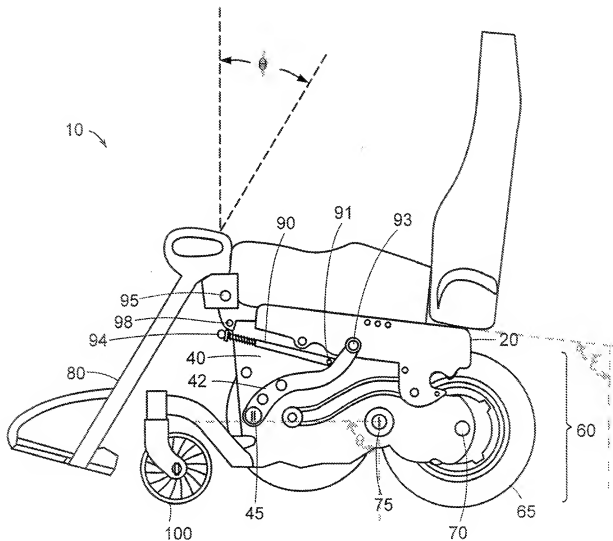


FIG. 1